

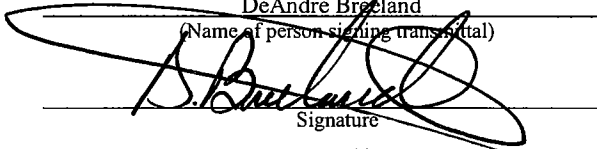
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Tetsujiro Kondo, et al.  
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For : SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 7, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.